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1926



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for Health and Happiness  
in the New Year

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To One and All  
The News Staff  
Extends Sincerest Greetings  
for  
A Happy New Year

## Robert Gardiner Slated for Cabinet?

A rumor circulating in Otta-  
wa, but lacking confirmation,  
mentions Robert Gardiner,  
Progressive member of Acadia,  
as minister of immigration in  
the King cabinet.

Robert Gardiner left Oyen  
this morning for Ottawa.

## WEDDING

Sharp - Frizell

A happy event occurred on  
Christmas Day, at the parson-  
age of the United Church of  
Canada, Oyen when Miss Hilda  
Sharp, eldest daughter of Mr.  
Joseph Long and the late Mr.  
Joseph Sharp of Liverpool,  
England, became the bride of  
Mr. Wilfred Bryce Frizell of  
Sibbald. The ceremony was  
performed by the Rev. C. H.  
Corcoran in the presence of a  
number of friends of the con-  
tracting parties.

Miss Eleanor Sharp, sister of  
the bride acted as bridesmaid,  
while Mr. Peter Brubell sup-  
ported the groom.

The bride looked charming  
in a gold colored dress of cut  
velvet and georgette. The  
bridesmaid's dress was of al-  
mond ecru tulle.

After a sumptuous wedding  
breakfast served at the home  
of the brides mother, the happy  
couple left for their future  
home in Sibbald.

## Fine Christmas Weather

Followed by Cold Snap

This district was favored  
with fine weather for Christ-  
mas. With the mercury hover-  
ing round 15 degrees of frost  
a light mist during the night  
left trees, fences and wilds  
coated with frost flakes, which  
glinted in the morning sun.  
Scarcely a breeze was notice-  
able and smoke curled lazily  
from the chimneys making a  
pretty picture against the back-  
ground of clear blue sky.

The day remained sunny and  
bright but a few hours after  
sun-down the mercury com-  
menced to drop and on the  
morning following reached 20  
degrees below zero. A further  
drop in temperature was record-  
ed on Sunday when 20 degrees  
below zero was reached, the  
weather remaining fine and  
sunny however. On Sunday  
night a change became notice-  
able and the mercury has been  
slowly climbing back to a point  
above the zero mark. The tem-  
perature to-day at noon was 25  
degrees above zero.

## Here and There

The sea fish catch on both coasts  
in Canada for the nine months end-  
ing September, 1925, was worth \$19,-  
991,075, as compared with \$18,118,-  
456 for the same of 1924, an increase  
of \$1,883,620.

A gold medal has been awarded  
to the Canadian Pacific Railway for  
the Company's exhibit at the Cana-  
dian National Exhibition this year.  
On one side of the medal is a por-  
trait of the Hon. Howard Ferguson,  
Premier of Ontario, while on the  
other is a scene on the exhibition  
grounds.

E. W. Beatty, chairman of the  
Canadian Pacific Steamships, stated  
recently that more liners of the "M"  
type would be built to replace older  
liners, such as the Marloch, Mar-  
sars and Montreal. The new ships  
will be similar in all respects to the  
S.S. Niagara and Montreal.

A fish caught in Shuswap Lake,  
British Columbia, after a forty-  
minute fight turned out to be a  
monster rainbow speckled trout,  
weighing 17 1/2 pounds, with a length  
of 30 1/2 inches and a girth of 24 1/2  
inches. It was mounted and ex-  
hibited in the windows of the Do-  
minion Express Company, Montreal,  
before being shipped to the owner in  
England.

Live stock exchanges are to be  
formed in Montreal to prevent the  
sharp decrease in the number of cat-  
tle. In the period 1920-1924, there  
was a reduction of \$31,000 head of  
cattle in the province of Quebec.  
Because of the low prices for live  
stock, the Quebec farmer has re-  
fused to face the long period of feed-  
ing and tending, and kills the calves.

A seven passenger twin-engine  
flying boat, which it is said will  
revolutionize the aerial fire-fighting  
methods employed by the Govern-  
ment protective patrols, is being  
tested at the Dominion Government  
Airdrome at South Marsh, near Ot-  
tawa. If satisfactory it will be  
flown to Manitoba where it will take  
on fire preventive duties in one of  
the most important forest areas.

The 1925 total of dividends paid  
and declared by gold and silver min-  
ing companies in Northern Ontario  
amounted to \$2,013,131, representing a gain  
of \$2,013,131 over the dividend record  
of 1924 and constitutes the greatest  
record for Canadian precious metal  
mining industries. From 1904 to  
1925, since silver was discovered in  
Canada in 1904 and gold found in  
Porcupine and Kirkland Lake in 1900  
and 1910, records show total divi-  
dends of \$150,774,129 from these  
fields. The aggregate profits are  
now averaging \$1,000,000 a month.

Beating the world record of 3-  
447,024 bushels of all grains mar-  
keted on C.P.R. western lines Thurs-  
day, November 19, A. Hutton, gen-  
eral superintendent transportation  
of the system, has reported that  
2,559,000 bushels were marketed on  
Friday, November 20. From August  
1 to November 20 inclusive, 148,078,-  
445 bushels of all grains have been  
marketed at stations adjacent to  
Canadian Pacific Railway lines as  
compared to 109,691,156 bushels for  
the same period last year, an in-  
crease of about 25 per cent.



We thank you for the business  
given us during 1925 and we  
trust 1926 may bring a full mea-  
sure of Happiness and Prosper-  
ity to you all.

The Season's Greetings  
to Everyone  
is the wish from

*S. A. Miller and Staff*

## Oyen Theatre

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JANUARY 1-2

## "THE LOVE BANDIT"

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Spencer, leading a strong cast in a thrilling drama  
of the timberland.



MONDAY-TUESDAY, JANUARY 4-5



Regular prices.  
A Happy New Year







### Christmas Day Knock-out Competition

Dial .....	Dial .....	
Stewart .....	Dial .....	
T. Lee .....	Naimith .....	
Naimith .....	Whitlock .....	
Whitlock .....	Whitlock .....	
Wade .....	Whitlock .....	
Morrison .....	Whitlock .....	
Thygesen .....	Thygesen .....	
Harbour .....	Harbour .....	Miller .....
Dunford .....	Miller .....	
Petersen .....	Miller .....	
Miller .....		



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for a  
Happy New Year  
is our  
Sincere Wish

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Best Wishes to One and All  
for a  
Prosperous New Year  
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Happy One  
and bring you  
a full  
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### The Curlers Corner



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MacTubb, The Eminent Rock  
Heaver**

Sandy, who writes to us from Florida, asks us to convey to all residents of this district, more especially to his brother curlers, "The Compliments of the Season."

Speaking of the climate, Sandy tells us it is not suitable for curling, but is adequate for developing (and quenching) a thirst. We gather that Sandy had a rather hilarious time during the holidays. After partaking of a few "light ones" his breath set fire to the necktie Aunt Betty sent him. His glee at this somewhat fortunate accident was later turned to sorrow, however, when the mother-of-pearl buckle on his new sporan commenced to melt. Hoot, mon, its powerful stuff.

#### President vs Vice-president Series

PRES.	VICE PRES.
Whitlock 7	Dunford 4
Lee 5	Petersen 9
Thygesen 9	Morrison 10
Dial 5	Miller 8
Naimith 13	Dunford 4

Total 45 48  
Vice-president wins by 3 points.

#### Games in the Square Draw

Lee vs Peterson	Lee vs Peterson
Schrag vs Swindlehurst	Schrag vs Swindlehurst
Stewart vs Naimith	Naimith

#### Bonspiel Dates

Drumheller	Jan. 12, 13, 14
Craigville	Jan. 10, 20
Calgary commences	Jan. 20
Kindersley	Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5
Youngstown	Feb. 9, 10, 11
Oyen	Feb. 16, 17, 18

Grandmothers are flappers in the Canadian West. Mrs. Edith Jones, of Leeds, Yorkshire, who sailed back to England on the Canadian Pacific liner Montclair on December 16 told how she learnt to ride horses and do farm work at Plato, Saskatchewan. She had a great time and will endeavor to bring Grandpa, her son and her grandson back to Canada with her in the spring.

Grain handling at the port of Montreal is in excess of the total for last year by 4,531,718 bushels, thus creating a new record in the movement of grain through this port. The total amount handled by the harbor elevators this year comes to 328,339,855 bushels, representing 163,292,246 bushels received and 165,287,539 bushels delivered since the beginning of the year.

An exact replica of the Palestine made memorable by the life of Christ arrived in Montreal from Winnipeg recently on a freight car. The miniature is made up of six million pieces in 16,000 sections and weighs about seven tons. The scenes, cities and villages connected with the Saviour have been reproduced by the Gandi brothers of Malta, after seven years of unceasing toil.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### GOVERNMENT LIQUOR CONTROL ACT OF ALBERTA

#### APPLICATION FOR BEER LICENCE

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Known as the Gast Hotel, Main Street, Sibbald, Alberta, Lots 7 and 8, Block 1. Location of Beer-Sale's room ground floor, facing north-west corner of building.

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GENEVA GRAHAM Applicant.

### CLASSIFIED ADS.

HOUSE TO RENT—4 rooms furnished or unfurnished. Also Piano to rent. Apply at Oyen News Office.

FOOT SALE—Cresley 4 tube Super Tryndyne radio, complete tubes, batteries, headset, Musicone loudspeaker, \$100.00 cash. Frank Kay, Farmers Telephone, 110, Oyen.

FOOT SALE OR TRADE—Two good wolfhounds to trade for cows, pigs or chickens. Also one high-oven cook-stove. Snap for cash, apply Mrs. Sam Korichenko, Oyen.

FOR SERVICE—Pure bred Berkshire Boar for service. Terms: \$2.00 payable at time of service. S. J. 14-23-4. Apply D. Wawick, Oyen, Alberta.

PURE BRED YORKSHIRE BOAR FOR SERVICE—Fee \$2.00 payable at time of service. W. J. 34-27-5. R. H. Davies, Phone 310 Oyen Alta.

#### At the Elevators.

WHEAT	
Northern .....	1.40
1 Northern .....	1.37
Northern .....	1.32
OATS	
C.W. ....	.34
C.W. ....	.31
No. 1 Feed .....	.28

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The New Year

**Thomas Thompson**



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to all  
and Best Wishes  
for a  
Happy New Year

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Happiness

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Greetings

A Happy New Year  
is our wish to  
One and All

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# The Important Position Occupied By This Country In The Field Of Agriculture

Of all the great agricultural countries in the world, Canada easily stands first today in regards ratio of increase in production in the past twenty-five years. Many crops in 1900 produced very much larger amounts of cereals and forage crops and had a very much larger population of the domestic animals, horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, than had Canada. Today, however, very few countries indeed produce greater quantities of most crops and more exports more of at least one cereal, wheat, than does Canada.

It would be too laborious a task to set down all the figures indicative of the different crops produced in the various different countries of this planet to firmly establish this fact, but a glance at a few facts illustrative of Canada's progress as a producer of wheat, cattle, dairy products, and as a livestock country, will be of interest to all concerned with Canada's development.

Wheat has long been known as the most important of Canada's cereal crops, and it is in the production of this crop that the most striking progress is noticeable in the fact that Canada's share of the world's wheat crop has increased from one quarter of a century ago. To illustrate this point, in 1900 Canada had a wheat area of about 1,250,000 acres, which yielded her crop of around 55,000,000 bushels, worth about \$7,000,000. While in 1925 her area in wheat has been about 23,000,000 acres, an estimated yield of around 400,000,000 bushels, worth \$450,000,000. This shows an increase of over 300 per cent in area, of over 600 per cent in yield, and of over 1,100 per cent in value—a very startling record.

In conclusion it may be said without danger of exaggeration that Canada's field and garden crops in 1925 are well on the way to equaling those of the United States. The \$1,000,000,000 mark, a figure which heretofore approximated and one of which we, as a young and as yet largely undeveloped country, may well be proud. To this if we add the value of our livestock products for the year, which may quite conservatively be estimated at around \$500,000,000, we have a grand total of around one and one-half million dollars drawn from the farms of this country.

## Care of Turkeys in Winter

**Hard Grain Better than Fresh Corn**  
Turkeys should not be fed fresh corn. Mr. A. C. Taylor, of the poultry division, in an experimental farm, says in his bulletin on "The Care and Management of Turkeys" that in mating, the males should be supplied with the females. Well matured birds of good constitution and vigor should be chosen for breeding. Turkeys should not be retained as progenitors, but it is not necessary that the largest should be chosen. Good food is a necessity. Breeding turkeys, Mr. Taylor, should not be confined to houses during the winter, but should be allowed to roam during the day. At night the only shelter required is a straw barn or closed shed, any building that will admit rays of sun or snow being useless. During the winter, breeding turkeys should receive limited rations, as otherwise a tendency to over-fatness will be manifest. Hard grains are preferable to mash or ground grain in feeding. Equal parts of oats, wheat and buckwheat are suitable during the cold months, but in spring the buckwheat should be discontinued. Once daily in the winter is often enough to feed. The grain should be scattered in a litter (the thrashing floor in the barn a good place) and the birds allowed some exercise in scratching for it. Grains and oyster shell should be placed where the turkeys can help themselves. Clean water should be provided once a day. Turkeys should be wintered where they are expected to lay in the spring.

## Shipments of Cattle to Britain

During the year ending March 31, 1925, 53,681 store cattle were shipped to Great Britain compared with 25,550 the previous year. A government food inspector accompanied each shipment, and it speaks well for their service and for the general health of our livestock that although the cattle came from all parts of Canada, not a single animal was rejected for disease by the British officers. The shipments are very largely supervised by the government officers of the British ministry are entirely cheerful.

## Alberta Dairy Pool

The Alberta Dairy Pool, which functions similarly to the wheat pool, is enlarging its scope and will undertake to handle cream after the first of January.

## Canada Is Getting Publicity In France

### And of Most Desirable Kind Says Canadian Commissioner

Assurance that only time was necessary to settle the financial difficulties of France, and that with good crops, no unemployment problem and abundance of natural resources the country was in a good situation economically was given by the Hon. Philippe Roy, Canadian commissioner to France, who arrived in Montreal on his first visit in four years.

Canada was getting a great deal of publicity in France, and that of a most desirable kind, he said. The fact that Senator Dandurand had been chosen chairman of the sixth annual assembly of the League of Nations and filled this position so acceptably had brought the Dominion into prominence with most beneficial effect to the country.

## B.C. Mineral Output Increases

Much Gold Recovered By Oldtime Panning Method in Cassiar District

British Columbia's mineral output for 1925 is expected to reach the \$60,000,000 mark, approximately one year more than last year, according to an estimate prepared by the provincial mineralogist. The value of production last year was \$48,704,000, while for the first eight months of this year it has totaled \$41,000,000.

About 17,500 lb. of gold was produced, according to W. A. Johnston, of the geological survey of Canada, from places on Goldstream Creek, Cassiar district, British Columbia, during the summer of 1925. All the mining was done by hand as in the seventies when the Cassiar district was the scene of considerable activity.

## Exports of Alberta Butter

Surplus For Export Expected to Reach Seven Million Pounds This Year

Last year Alberta exported to Britain and other countries over 4,000,000 pounds of butter, which was a little less than one-fifth of the total production of the province's creamery butter. During the present season it is anticipated that the surplus for export will increase to 7,500,000 pounds, which will be seven times the exportable surplus of four years ago. The exportation is that the total production of creamery butter with this year is 35,000,000 pounds.

## Heavy Grain Marketings

Shipped the enormous amount of the grain shipping season this year, or from August 1 to December 5, the Canadian Pacific has marketed forty-three and a quarter million bushels of wheat in Alberta, and three and a half million bushels of other grains. This is a big increase when compared with the previous year, when thirty-six million bushels of all grains were marketed.

## Speed! Spills! Laughter! Thrills!



Look for a long trip—look! That ornamental Carnival float.

It is winter again in Banff. Skating, Canada's adopted popular winter sport, has drawn enthusiasts from every part of the outland ranging from six-year-old round-eyes to world champions. Hills are crowded with spectators. Speed! Spills! Laughter! Thrills! All in the day's programme as flying skis of both sexes jump through the air and down dangerous slopes.

From the tops of nearby mountains ski jumpers leave the spectators cold and hot by turns as they make marvellous leaps into space, seemingly coursing sudden death and rising again after passing the danger line, cool and smiling. Not far away are lines of snowshoers making for the trail in the woods, while dog teams are prepared

## Booming Sweet Clover Value As A Soil Builder Has Been Definitely Proven

'Sweet clover has become the most popular legume in Manitoba; its value as a soil builder, has been definitely proven; it fits well into the continuous rotation system of Manitoba; it can be depended upon for good yields of hay; it also makes an excellent soil and climate; as a pasture sweet clover has a carrying capacity unequalled by most crops; it is an abundant sweet feed; Arcle sweet clover has been recognized as a standard variety and has given favorable results; sweet clover can be made into silage, but it is apt to become silage unless care is taken to reduce the moisture by further maturity or mixing with some dry roughage; early sowing is recommended; when a narrow strip is used 10 to 15 pounds of clover seed per acre is a satisfactory rate of seeding; shallow seeding is recommended; the seed bed is mellow and firm; seeding with nurse crop at slightly less than the normal rate is most economical; cutting the crop in the early bed stage, leaving a four or five-inch stubble will make the most of the hay; also for a second crop; harvesting with the binder and curing in the shed will preserve the maximum amount of leaves and reduce the cost of handling the crop in a mixture with sweet clover, bromegrass has advantages over other grasses; growing sweet clover in the fall is the best method for seed production; inoculation of the seed is inexpensive and is advisable in the poorer soils. Such are the points reached by Mr. Derfel, of the Brandon, Man., experimental farm, in his pamphlet on "Sweet Clover" published by the Dominion department of agriculture.

## An Outstanding Agricultural Country

Showing Made at International Live Stock Show at Chicago Brings Credit to Canada

Canadian exhibitors at the International Livestock and Grain Show held in Chicago early in December returned to their homes carrying with them the greatest number of championships and prizes won at any one of the livestock shows in the history of livestock from the Dominion compared with the best United States breeds and won impressive victories. Products of the field and farm were shown in the field and farm show.

## Wants To Found Dutch Colony

Desires of selecting families which eventually would be the nucleus of a fertile colony, which it is hoped to establish in Northern Saskatchewan. H. M. Hennig, a successful farmer and secretary of the Holland colonization board of Saskatchewan has gone to Holland. Many enquiries have been received by the board.

# Canada Is The Largest Producer Of Nickel Ore In The World To-Day

## Crop Rotation In The West

### Intelligent Crop Rotation Is Necessary For Successful Farming

Mr. W. H. Fairfield, superintendent of the Dominion experimental station at Lethbridge, Alta., in his latest annual report issues a warning against excessive and continuous exclusive wheat cultivation in the west. He says that it is becoming more apparent each year that one of the principal paths of progress that successful farming practice in that section of the country must follow is intelligent crop rotation. "Straight wheat growing," he adds, "has been almost the sole cropping system followed in Southern Alberta, as has been the case over much of the prairie region. In the more favored sections it still appears to be satisfactory, but each year's operations make straight wheat farming more difficult, as weed problems increase and the soil fertility rapidly declines, it is depleted."

At the Lethbridge station rotations have been established on both dry and irrigated portions of the farm, and careful records are kept each year—those for 1924 are detailed in the report—of expenses and returns so that it is possible to determine the cost of producing each crop in such rotation and the apparent profits from the various crops.

## Increasing Canada's Wealth

One Bushel Extra of Wheat Per Acre Would Mean Many Millions of Additional Revenue

Canada has many wonderful opportunities for increasing her national wealth, but probably none so easily possible as is that of wheat growing, says the national resources intelligence bureau of the department of interior. With an increase of but one bushel per acre on the area planted to wheat last year many millions of dollars of additional revenue would be secured by the growers. Last season nearly 22 million acres of wheat were grown, or nearly 100 per cent of the present acre of about 15,500,000 acres. The Canadian experimental farm at Lethbridge, Alberta, has shown the development of varieties of wheat that will yield 10 to 15 bushels more than the best of our wheat.

Not only is Canada by the large crop of wheat in the world, but the reserves of nickel ore are greatly greater than those of any other possible competitor and this, together with the many other advantages she possesses gives her a predominant position in the world's nickel trade that is well nigh unassailable.

## Agricultural Scholarship

### Has Created A Stir

Canadian Embargo On Wool Hides South Africa Hard

The Canadian embargo on wool hides has created a stir in South African circles in London because of the fact that it will be the principal factor as a result of the embargo. Some surprise is expressed that no reason has been disclosed as to why the embargo should have been placed on wool from South Africa, where the sheep are said to be free from infectious diseases. Hon. J. G. Smith, South African high commissioner in London, expressed the opinion that the embargo is an oversight, or due to a misapprehension of the real position as to South African sheep. He says he has made representations on the matter to Hon. P. C. Lorain, Canadian high commissioner in London.

## Jap Farmers Superstitious

Believe Sun Spots Will Cause Famine Next Year

The present "spots" on the sun is declared to have caused a decided slump in the sale of artificial fertilizer in Japan. The boom trade had been expected earlier in the year, but thus far dealers have found business extremely bad. An investigation disclosed that the superstitious Japanese farmers feared that the presence of sun spots meant that a famine was due next year and that the purchase of fertilizers would be just so much waste of money.

## Cattle Shipments Increase

Exports of the cattle through Montreal during the 1925 season amounted to 65,764 head, as compared with 62,000 head for the same period in 1924, showing an increase of 15,664 head. An increase of 23,871 head with 1922; and an increase of 25,600 head with 1923. The cattle trade through the port of Quebec during the season of 1925, and a number of head from West and East John and Halifax.

## Though nickel is not, like iron and copper, one of the world's major

first few years of the industry is in considerable demand; it is essential to the value of the annual output.

Canada's nickel industry had its beginning in 1917, in the discovery that certain mineral deposits at Sudbury in Ontario, that had been taken on and worked for copper, also contained nickel and were in reality great nickel deposits rather than copper deposits. Nickel was at this time, however, commercially speaking, a comparatively unknown metal, for which there was no great demand—the world's annual consumption being only about 1,000 short tons—that the history of the first few years of the industry is the record of an almost continuous uphill fight to find new uses and a profitable market for the output. Indeed, competition in the nickel field has always been keen, and though numerous companies have from time to time been formed to engage in the industry, the Sudbury district is the only source of the two large corporations, the International Nickel Company and the Moose Nickel Company. At the present time these two concerns account for practically all of Canada's output of refined nickel, some 25,000 short tons, valued at over \$10,000,000, constituting over 80 per cent of the world's requirements in 1924, except those of the United States, which produces from the treatment of Cobalt silver ores. The record production of 46,000 short tons was made in 1921.

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## Our Mineral Wealth

### Highest Per Capita Production of Any Nation in The World

According to a statement made at the seventh annual western meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, some 225 million dollars worth of new minerals is produced each year in Canada, or about \$25.00 per head of the entire population. This is the highest per capita production of any country in the world, whilst it is steadily increasing and promises to go far beyond present bounds.

## Immigrants Favor Canada

A dispatch from London, England, is to the effect that British news show that during the first nine months of the current year 26,817 emigrants of British nationality had proceeded to Canada. This compares with 31,796 who went to Australia, 7,743 who went to New Zealand, and 14,668 who went to the United States.

## Manitoba Gold Mining

Gold mining activity in the Long Lake district of Manitoba has been to be considerably stimulated through the recent incorporation of the Central Manitoba Mines, Limited, with an authorized capitalization of \$2,000,000.









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A Happy and Prosperous  
New Year,  
With a bumper crop  
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All Special Christmas China  
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**Cordial Greetings to One & All  
and Best Wishes for  
Prosperity in the New Year**

**ELMER MAC ARTHUR**

## About Town and Country

Andy Carr spent the Christmas holidays in Calgary.

Miss Kathleen Lynett of Calgary is spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays in Oyen, with her brother, Rev. C. Lynett.

P. H. Peterson, of Hercul, Sask., is spending the holidays in Oyen, with his family.

Miss Harriet Peterson, who spent the Christmas holidays in Calgary, returned to Oyen this morning.

J. A. Willis, returned to Oyen yesterday, after spending Christmas in Saskatoon.

Eger Dial of Edmonton, spent Christmas in Oyen, visiting his father and sister.

Ed. Armitage returned to Oyen this morning after spending a few days in Calgary.

A special train is being provided for the convenience of those who wish to attend the Locomotive Firemen's Ball at Hanna on Tuesday, January 10. The train leaves Oyen at 1.45 p.m.

William Irvine, school principal, left last Thursday, to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays in Calgary.

Miss Rosalie Wilson of Swift Current, arrived in Oyen last Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister Mrs. C. L. Dunford.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of Oyen Agriculture Fairs Association, Ltd., will be held in Oyen, on Saturday, January 2, at 2 p.m.

E. N. Charbonneau of Montfort, spent Christmas with his family.

Miss Louise Charbonneau of Calgary is spending the holidays with her parents in Oyen.

Little Rose England, whose condition for some days past, has been causing great anxiety, is now reported to be making satisfactory progress.

Dr. W. D. McPhail returned to Oyen today, after spending the Christmas holidays at Weldon, Sask.

### LANFINE LOCALS

Mrs. W. M. Sanders and family have moved out to their farm.

L. Godfrey and Max are spending a few days in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nichol returned home from their wedding tour last Monday.

Miss E. McKenzie is spending her vacation in Oyen.

The Christmas tree entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Santa Claus was especially good and the children did splendidly, notwithstanding the short practice they had.

Lanfine people are specially fond of Christmas entertainments. A number went to Kenmaul on Monday and on Wednesday a sleigh load visited Farming Valley. These outings were enjoyed very much and all report splendid programmes.

Don't forget the box social and dance to night.

Taxpayers of Oyen School District, No. 3058, and the Village of Oyen, are reminded that a 5 per cent penalty is added to all taxes unpaid on January 1, 1926.

T. McBrien, who has been undergoing treatment in Oyen Hospital left that institution last Sunday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Reid of Banton, at Oyen Hospital on Sunday, December 27, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Carrier of Oyen, on Wednesday, December 23, a daughter.

Mrs. J. Henderson and laughter returned to their home at Sunnydale last Sunday.

The Sunday School Christmas Tree and entertainment, held in Oyen Theatre last Wednesday, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by both children and their parents.

The expression, "He is a brick," is said, according to Plutarch, to have originated with Lycurgus, the lawgiver of Sparta. As the story goes, an ambassador from Epirus to the city of Sparta was much impressed with what he saw, but wondered greatly that the city possessed no walls nor other defensive works, and so expressed himself, "Wait till morning," said Lycurgus, "you cannot have looked carefully." Early on the following day the law-giver conducted the ambassador to the athletic field outside the city, and, pointing proudly to the army drawn up in array of battle, exclaimed: "There thou beholdest the walls of Sparta, and every man is a brick."

### The Late Mrs. Minnie Hanson

Mrs. Minnie Hanson of Oyen, Alberta, Canada passed into the great beyond on the night of November 6 at the age of sixty-nine years and six months.

Mrs. Hanson, nee Knutson, was born near Copenhagen, Denmark, May 11, 1856, and when twenty-one years of age came to Alexandria, Minnesota, where shortly after her arrival she was married to Peter Hanson, and together they moved to a farm in the township of Millerville where she lived from 1876 to 1901 when the family moved to Crookston, Minnesota and later moved to Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. Canada, in which place she and her husband farmed for several years.

In 1919 she and her husband and daughter Ida made a trip to Florida and later returned to Oyen, Alberta, where she resided until her death.

Mrs. Hanson was a woman of strong character and alert to her surroundings. She educated herself to read and write English, and for many years took an active interest in the educational affairs of her neighborhood. She held the office of school clerk for many years. She was of winning personality and highly esteemed by her neighbors and loved by her children. Of the six children born to her, four are living. Mrs. Mary Knich and Mrs. Ida Lightheart of Oyen, and one son, Ernest who lives in Miami, Florida, and Fred of Washington.

The funeral was held at the United Church, Oyen, and interment followed at Oyen Cemetery where she rests beside her husband who passed away March 4, 1924.



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Very Happy One for You

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Good Wishes  
for the  
Coming Year

**The People's Meat Market**

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The approach of the New Year reminds us that we have just completed our eleventh year of continuous service to the people of this district and as years go by the cordial relations which have always existed between us and this store seem to be cemented into more enduring friendship.

It has and always will be our aim to deserve a generous share of your patronage and we desire to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the past support you have given us.

Hoping our past record will merit more than ever your continued patronage.

We wish you All A very Happy New Year.

**George A. Morrison**

Chemist and Druggist.

Oyen, Alberta



We wish to extend  
Best Wishes for a  
Prosperous and  
Happy New Year  
To All

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